

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original) A screwdriver style pry bar comprising:

- a handle member having a first end, a second end, and an aperture through the longitudinal axis thereof;
- an elongated metal shank member having a first end positioned within the aperture of the handle member, the shank member extending from the first end of the handle member;
- a metal impact cap having a first end positioned within the aperture of the handle member, and a second end extending from the second end of the handle member.

Claim 2 (original) The pry bar of claim 1, wherein the first end of the impact cap is positioned adjacent to and in contact with the first end of the shank member.

Claim 3 (original) The pry bar of claim 2, wherein the first end of the impact cap comprises an aperture.

Claim 4 (original) The pry bar of claim 3, wherein the first end of the shank member is positioned within the aperture of the impact cap.

Claim 5 (original) The pry bar of claim 3, wherein the cylindrical body of the impact cap comprises an exterior surface configured to improve the attachment of the impact cap to the handle.

Claim 6 (original) The pry bar of claim 5, wherein the exterior surface of the cylindrical body of the impact cap comprises a groove positioned circumferentially thereon.

Claim 7 (original) The pry bar of claim 1, wherein the second end of the impact cap comprises a rounded surface.

Claim 8 (original) A screwdriver style pry bar comprising:

- a plastic handle member having a first end, a second end, and an aperture through the longitudinal axis thereof;

- an elongated metal shank member having a first end positioned within the aperture of the handle member, the shank member extending from the first end of the handle member;

- a metal impact cap having a first end positioned within the aperture of the handle member, and a second end extending from the second end of the handle member;

- wherein the first end of the impact cap comprises an aperture and the first end of the shank member is positioned within the aperture of the impact cap such that the impact cap is positioned adjacent to and in contact with the first end of the shank member.

Claim 9 (original) The pry bar of claim 8, wherein the impact cap comprises an exterior surface comprising means for securing the impact cap to the handle.

Claim 10 (original) The pry bar of claim 9, wherein the means for securing the impact cap to the handle comprises a groove formed circumferentially on the exterior surface of the impact cap.

Claim 11 (original) The pry bar of claim 8, wherein the second end of the impact cap comprises a rounded surface.

Claim 12 (withdrawn) A method for making a pry bar comprising the steps of:

- providing a cylindrical metal impact cap;

- molding a handle having a longitudinal aperture around the cylindrical metal impact cap such that an end of the impact cap protrudes from a first end of the handle; and

- inserting a metal pry bar shank into the end of the longitudinal aperture in the handle.

Claim 13 (withdrawn) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of inserting the pry bar shank into the handle until the shank contacts the impact cap.

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Claim 14 (withdrawn) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of inserting the pry bar shank into the handle until the shank is nested in an aperture in the impact cap.

Claim 15 (withdrawn) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of molding a portion of the handle into a groove in the impact cap.